

ABSTRACT

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TRANSMISSION AND RECEIPT OF CONFERENCE  
CALL ROSTER INFORMATION VIA THE INTERNET

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10 An apparatus and method is disclosed that allows a participant in a conference call to  
receive conference call roster information at a telephone display unit, at a computer display or at  
both types of display. The conference call information is updated during the call and includes  
15 identification of the speaker during a conference call. The conference callers are connected  
together and identified either by standard caller identification or by other identification provided  
by the operator. The conference callers' identifications are then transmitted in two ways. First, a  
coded signal is sent over the telephone connection to a telephone display unit. Second, an  
information packet is transmitted over the Internet to a conference call participant's computer.  
15 A server computer monitors the conference call and the identification of parties involved is  
updated a parties are added or disconnected. The speaking party is identified in one two ways.  
First, during the call, the speaker's telephone line will have a higher transmission amplitude than  
the other telephone lines and the line with the highest transmission amplitude will be identified  
by the server computer. Second, voice identification data is gathered before the conference call  
20 and stored in the server computer for use in identifying the speaker.